

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): An information providing system comprising:

a transmission server section configured to transmit a continuous stream of contents data of a group of multimedia contents including prearranged combinations of program main body data prepared with sorting information annexed thereto and groups of auxiliary materials, the auxiliary materials including at least commercial (CM) data with attributes including at least an effective date;

terminal sections having a function of receiving the continuous stream of contents data transmitted from said transmission server section, a function of recording the program main body data and the auxiliary materials received by it, a function of recording the sorting information annexed to said program main body data and said auxiliary materials and a function of transmitting the sorting information annexed to the program main body data and the auxiliary materials selected by it along with the terminal ID information; and

a processing server section configured to detect any change to be made to the auxiliary materials combined with the selected program main body data and, upon detecting such a change, issuing an instruction for the change made to be made to said auxiliary materials to the related terminal section.

Claim 25 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 24, wherein said terminal sections have a function of receiving the instruction for the change to be made to the auxiliary materials from said processing server section and sending back the conditions for the instruction for the change and an acknowledgment or refusal of the change.

Claim 26 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 25, wherein said terminal sections have a function of receiving the instruction for the change to be made to the auxiliary materials from said processing server section and recording the instruction for the change before starting the reproduction of said auxiliary materials.

Claim 27 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 26, wherein said terminal sections have a function of recording the instruction for the change from said processing server section and reediting the contents data according to the instruction for the change.

Claim 28 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 25, wherein upon detecting the existence of revision assisting materials for the auxiliary materials combined with the program main body data selected by said terminal section according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said terminal section, said processing server section notifies said terminal section of the existence of revision assisting materials and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, sends out the revision assisting materials and the instruction for the revision to said terminal section.

Claim 29 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 25, wherein upon detecting any auxiliary materials to be added to the auxiliary materials combined with the program main body data selected by said terminal section according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said terminal section, said processing server section notifies said terminal section of the auxiliary materials to be

added and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, sends out the assisting materials to be added and the instruction for the addition to said terminal section.

Claim 30 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 25, wherein upon detecting any auxiliary materials to be omitted in said terminal section according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said terminal section, said processing server section notifies said terminal section of the auxiliary materials to be omitted and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, sends out the instruction for the omission to said terminal section.

Claim 31 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 25, wherein said processing server section carries out an operation of adding up the contents reproduced at said terminal section according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said terminal section.

Claim 32 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 25, wherein said processing server section carries out an operation of confirming the copying status of the contents reproduced at said terminal section according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said terminal section.

Claim 33 (Original): The information providing system according to claim 24, further comprising:

an account settlement means for adding up the instructions for changes to be made to the auxiliary materials issued from said processing server section to said terminal section and settling the account according to the result of the adding up operation.

Claims 34-36 (Canceled).

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): An information server device having:

a function of receiving sorting information and terminal ID information from an information terminal having a function of transmitting said sorting information as annexed to selected program main body data and auxiliary materials, the auxiliary materials including at least commercial (CM) data with attributes including at least an effective date, along with said terminal ID information;

a function of detecting any change to be made to the auxiliary materials combined with the program main body data selected by said terminal section on the basis of the sorting information and the terminal ID information received by it; and

a function of issuing an instruction for the change to be made to the auxiliary materials upon detecting the change to be made.

Claim 38 (Original): The information server device according to claim 37, wherein upon detecting the existence of revision assisting materials for the auxiliary materials combined with the program main body data selected by said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal, said information server device notifies said information terminal of the existence of revision assisting materials and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, sends out the revision assisting materials and the instruction for the revision to said information terminal.

Claim 39 (Original): The information server device according to claim 37, wherein upon detecting any auxiliary materials to be added to the auxiliary materials combined with the program main body data selected by said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal, said information server device notifies said information terminal of the auxiliary materials to be added and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, sends out the assisting materials to be added and the instruction for the addition to said information terminal.

Claim 40 (Original): An information server device according to claim 37, wherein upon detecting any auxiliary materials to be omitted in said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal, said information server device notifies said information terminal of the auxiliary materials to be omitted and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, sends out the instruction for the omission to said information terminal.

Claim 41 (Original): The information server device according to claim 37, wherein it carries out an operation of adding up the contents reproduced at said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal.

Claim 42 (Original): The information server device according to claim 37, wherein it carries out an operation of confirming the copying status of the contents reproduced at said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal.

Claim 43 (Original): The information server device according to claim 37, further having a function of adding up the instructions for changes to be made to the auxiliary materials issued from said processing server section to said terminal section and outputting the result of the adding as settlement information.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): An information providing method comprising:
transmitting a continuous stream of contents data of a group of multimedia contents including prearranged combinations of program main body data prepared with sorting information annexed thereto and groups of auxiliary materials, the auxiliary materials including at least commercial (CM) data with attributes including at least an effective date;
detecting any change to be made to the auxiliary materials combined with the selected program main body data and, upon detecting such a change, issuing an instruction for the change made to be made to said auxiliary materials to an information terminal; and
said information terminal having a function of receiving the continuous stream of contents data transmitted from said transmission server section, recording the program main body data and the auxiliary materials received by it, recording the sorting information annexed to said program main body data and said auxiliary materials and transmitting the sorting information annexed to the selected program main body data and auxiliary materials along with the terminal ID information.

Claim 45 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 44, wherein said information terminal is made to send back the conditions for the instruction for the change and an acknowledgment or refusal of the change.

Claim 46 (Original): An information providing method according to claim 45, wherein said information terminal is made to receive the instruction for the change to be made to the auxiliary materials and record the instruction for the change before starting the reproduction of said auxiliary materials

Claim 47 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 46, wherein said information terminal is made to reedit the contents data according to the instruction for the change to be made as received from a processing server section and recorded.

Claim 48 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 45, wherein upon detecting the existence of revision assisting materials for the auxiliary materials combined with the program main body data selected by said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal, said information terminal is notified of the existence of revision assisting materials and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, a request is made to send out the revision assisting materials and the instruction for the revision to said information terminal.

Claim 49 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 44, wherein upon detecting any auxiliary materials to be added to the auxiliary materials combined with the program main body data selected by said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal, said information terminal is notified of the auxiliary materials to be added and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, the assisting materials to be added and the instruction for the addition are sent out to said terminal section.

Claim 50 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 45, wherein upon detecting any auxiliary materials to be omitted in said information terminal according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal, said information terminal is notified of the auxiliary materials to be omitted and, upon receiving an acknowledgment for reception, the instruction for the omission is sent out to said terminal section.

Claim 51 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 44, wherein an operation of adding up the contents reproduced at said terminal section is carried out according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal.

Claim 52 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 44, wherein an operation of confirming the copying status of the contents reproduced at said information terminal is carried out according to the sorting information and the terminal ID information transmitted from said information terminal.

Claim 53 (Original): The information providing method according to claim 44, wherein the instructions for changes to be made to the auxiliary materials are added up and the account is settled according to the result of the adding up operation.